

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. patent 6,241,673 to Williams. Claims 2-8 and 10-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as unpatentable over Williams in view of U.S. patent 6,707,581 to Browning.

Initially, applicant and applicants' representative wish to thank Examiners Ebrahimi-Dehkordy and Williams for the interview granted applicants' representative on September 7, 2004. During the interview the outstanding rejections were discussed in detail. Further, during the interview claim amendments to clarify the claims over the applied art were discussed. The present response sets forth those discussed claim amendments. During the interview the Examiners indicated they would further consider such claim amendments when presented in a filed response.

Addressing the above-noted rejections, those rejections are traversed by the present response.

Each of independent claims 1 and 9 is amended by the present response to clarify features recited therein. Specifically, independent claim 1 now clarifies that the information be printed is transmitted from a "handheld computing device". That feature is believed to be fully supported by the original specification as the specification notes, with reference to Figure 1 in the present specification as a non-limiting example, that the wireless mobile device 106 can be a wireless smart phone, a wireless personal digital assistant with (PDA), or the like. Further, independent claim 1 is amended by the present response to clarify that the information from the handheld computing device to be printed is transmitted over a wireless connection "to an internet service provider". That subject matter is also fully supported by the original specification for example in Figure 1 showing the wireless mobile device 106

transmitting information to the internet service provider (ISP) 108. Independent claim 9 is amended to recite similar features as noted above in amended independent claim 1.

The above-noted features clarified in the claims are believed to clearly distinguish over the applied art.

The primary reference to Williams is directed to a diagnostic medical ultrasound system 110 that allows the ultrasound system 110 to wirelessly transmit certain information. However, applicants note that such teachings in Williams differ from the claim features in the following respects. First, the ultrasound system 110 in Williams is not a “*handheld* computing device” (emphasis added), as now required in the claims. Further, Williams does not transmit any information from the ultrasound system 110 “to an internet service provider”, as now also clarified in the claims.

Moreover, applicants respectfully submit that the teachings in Browning are not properly applicable to the teachings in Williams and do not overcome the deficiencies in Williams.


Browning is directed to a handheld scanner. However, clearly Williams could not be modified in view of such a teaching in Browning and be directed to a handheld computing device as the ultrasound system 110 in Browning could not be a handheld device. Moreover, there is no suggestion to modify Williams to transmit information via an internet service provider. In fact, since the ultrasound device 110 in Williams is designed to stay within a hospital and to be in proximity to a network, there would be no incentive whatsoever to modify Williams to transmit information from the ultrasound system 110 to an internet service provider to access the network.

In such ways, applicants respectfully submit that amended independent claims 1 and 9, and the claims dependent therefrom, patentably distinguish over the applied art.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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